

Amendments To The Drawings:

The attached drawing sheets include changes to FIGS. 1, 2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, and 6. These sheets contain corrections shown in red for the examiner's approval and are requested to replace the original sheets of FIGS. 1, 2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, and 6. In these drawings, the term "prompt" has been replaced with --indication--.

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Replacement Sheet(s) of FIGS. 1, 2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, and 6

Annotated Sheet(s) Showing Changes of FIGS. 1, 2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, and 6

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-41 are pending before this amendment. By the present amendment, claims 26-28, 31, and 34-41 are amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action (page 2), the title is objected to for not being descriptive.

The applicants thank the examiner for suggesting an alternative title (e.g., "Method and Apparatus For Accessing an Encrypted Memory Card") for the present application and requiring defining the term "information prompt" or using another term to describe the invention correctly.

The applicants cannot accept the examiner's suggestion of the title, because the object of the present invention is not accessing an encrypted memory card, but realizing or providing information indication in a semiconductor storage apparatus by using a module, such as, a display component, an acoustic component, a vibration component, etc. Accordingly, the title has been amended to --SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING INFORMATION INDICATION--.

Furthermore, the term "prompt" has been replaced with --indication-- throughout the specification and drawings.

In the office action (page 3), claims 26-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1 ¶2 as being indefinite.

In response, the applicants would like to replace the terms of "information prompt" and "prompt information" in those claims with --information indication-- and --indication information-- respectively. In addition, the applicants would like to amend "the password verification" in line 2 of claim 27 to --a password verification--, "the password" in line 12 of claim 35 to --a password--, "the predetermined setting" in line 13 of claim 35 to --a predetermined setting--, "the necessary prompt information" in line 15 of claim 35 to --a necessary indication of information--, "the operation mode of the information prompt module" in line 2 of claim 37 to --an operation mode of the information indication module--, and "the information prompt storage region setting software" in line 4 of claim

37 to --an information indication storage region setting software-- respectively. Further, the applicants would like to amend the feature of "perform the information indication" in line 16 in claim 35 to --indicate the information--. With respect to claim 41, the applicant would like to amend it by adding the encrypting and the decrypting steps. Please refer to the amended claims for details.

In the office action (page 4), claims 26-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,606,707 (Hirota). The "et al." suffix is omitted in a reference name.

One object of the present invention is to provide a method for realizing or providing information indication in a semiconductor storage and an apparatus thereof to overcome the defects in the prior art, such as, lack of identification or authentication of legitimate holder, unclear state of reading and/or writing of the semiconductor storage apparatus, unknown information in the semiconductor storage apparatus. The information indication can be realized by using a display component, an acoustic generating component, and/or a vibration component attached in the semiconductor storage apparatus. That is to say, the semiconductor storage apparatus can have the information indication by itself. The applicant would like to amend the feature of "a power source module providing power to the semiconductor storage apparatus" in claim 1 to "a power source module providing power to the semiconductor storage apparatus independently" to further distinguish the present invention from Hirota. Such amendment can be seen from the content of paragraphs 2-4 of page 8 of the present application.

As noted, Hirota teaches a semiconductor memory card including an authentication memory (332) and a non-authentication memory (331), wherein the authentication memory (332) can be accessed only by external devices which have been affirmatively authenticated, and the non-authentication memory 331 can be accessed by external devices whether the external devices have been affirmatively authenticated or not. Hirota is aimed to solve a problem that the semiconductor memory cards for protecting copyright of the digital contents cannot be used as auxiliary storage apparatuses in general-purpose computer systems. Accordingly, it can be seen that the purpose of Hirota is to realize a semiconductor memory card for storing the both digital

contents to be copyright-protected and other data together, but not to realize a semiconductor memory card for realizing the information indication (see lines 55-62 of column 1 and the summary portion of Hirota). The semiconductor memory card of Hirota does not teach the information indication module, and the controller module (the control IC 302) of Hirota cannot realize the information indication. Although Hirota discloses a power source module Vdd (figure 5), it is supplied from external power sources. Therefore, Hirota does not teach the features of the power source module, the controller module, the information indication module of claim 1. Also, Hirota cannot achieve the effect of presenting the information through the information indication module, and thus the applicant believes that the independent claim 1 should be patentable over Hirota.

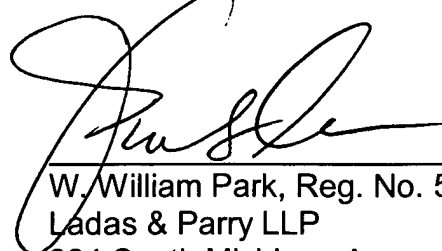
Based on the above analysis, Hirota does not teach the features of "after the step of verifying the password, obtaining a necessary indication information from the indication information storage region; and controlling the information indication module to indicating the information based on the content of the obtained indication information" of the independent claim 35. Also, Hirota cannot achieve the effect of presenting the information through the information indication module, and thus the applicant believes that the independent claim 35 should be patentable over Hirota.

In addition, Hirota does not teach any semiconductor storage apparatus comprising at least one of a display component, an acoustic component and a vibration component because the display (103, 203) and the speaker (106) in Hirota are not attached on the semiconductor memory card, but attached on the devices using the semiconductor memory card. Accordingly, claim 31 is not anticipated by Hirota.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 26-41 pending in this application are in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Feb. 1, 2008

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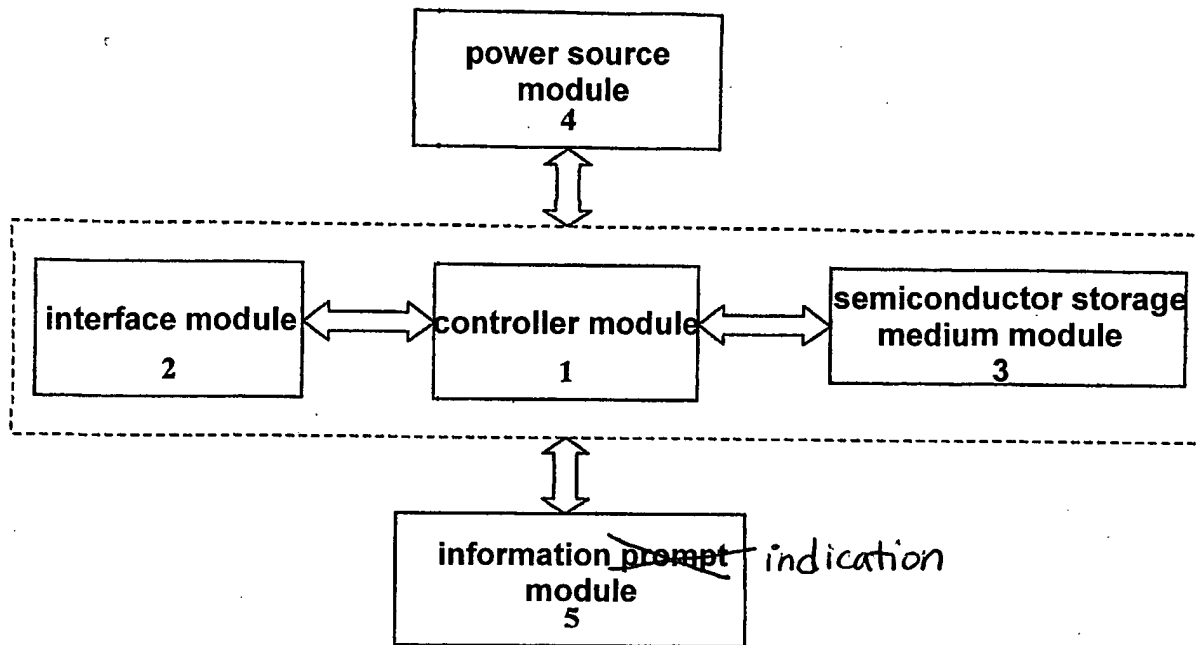
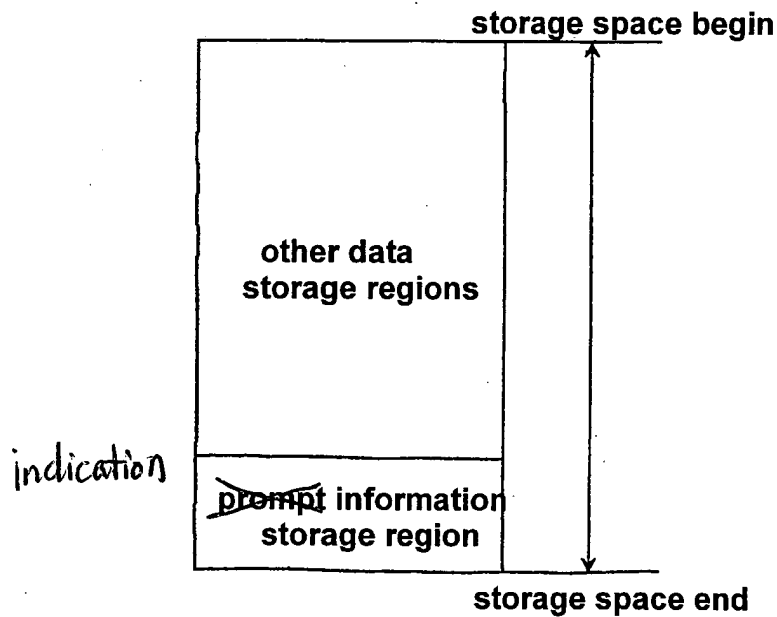
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APPENDIX OF ATTACHMENTS

**Replacement Sheets of FIGS. 1, 2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, and 6
(a total of 6 drawing sheets)**

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**Fig.1****Fig.2**

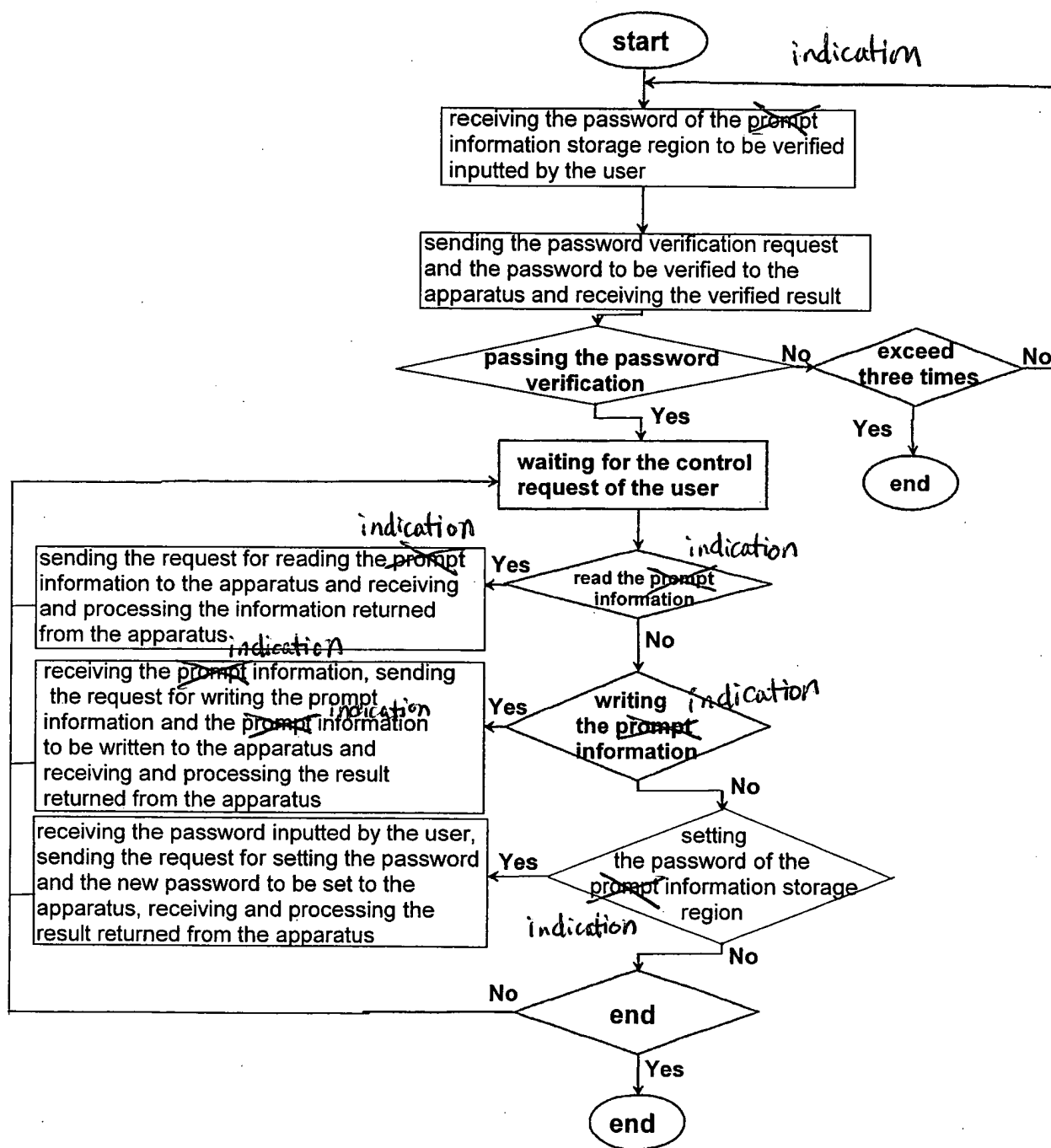


Fig.4-1

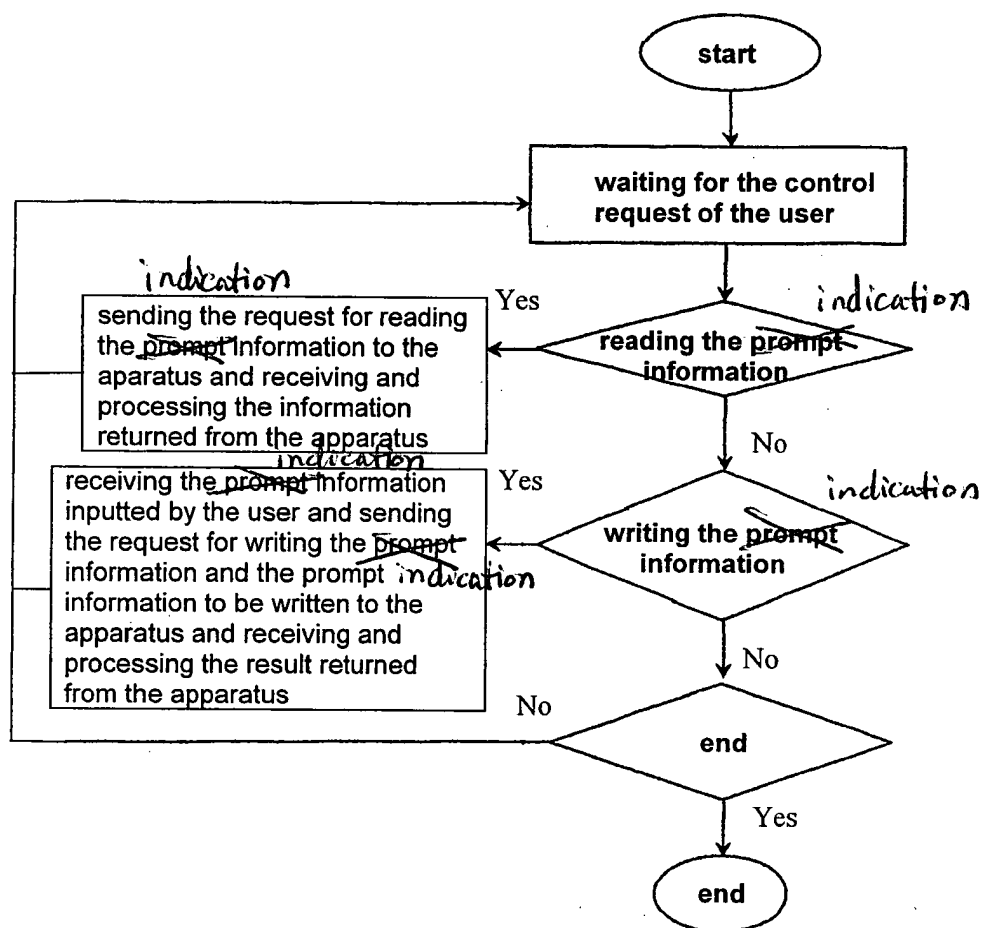


Fig.4-2

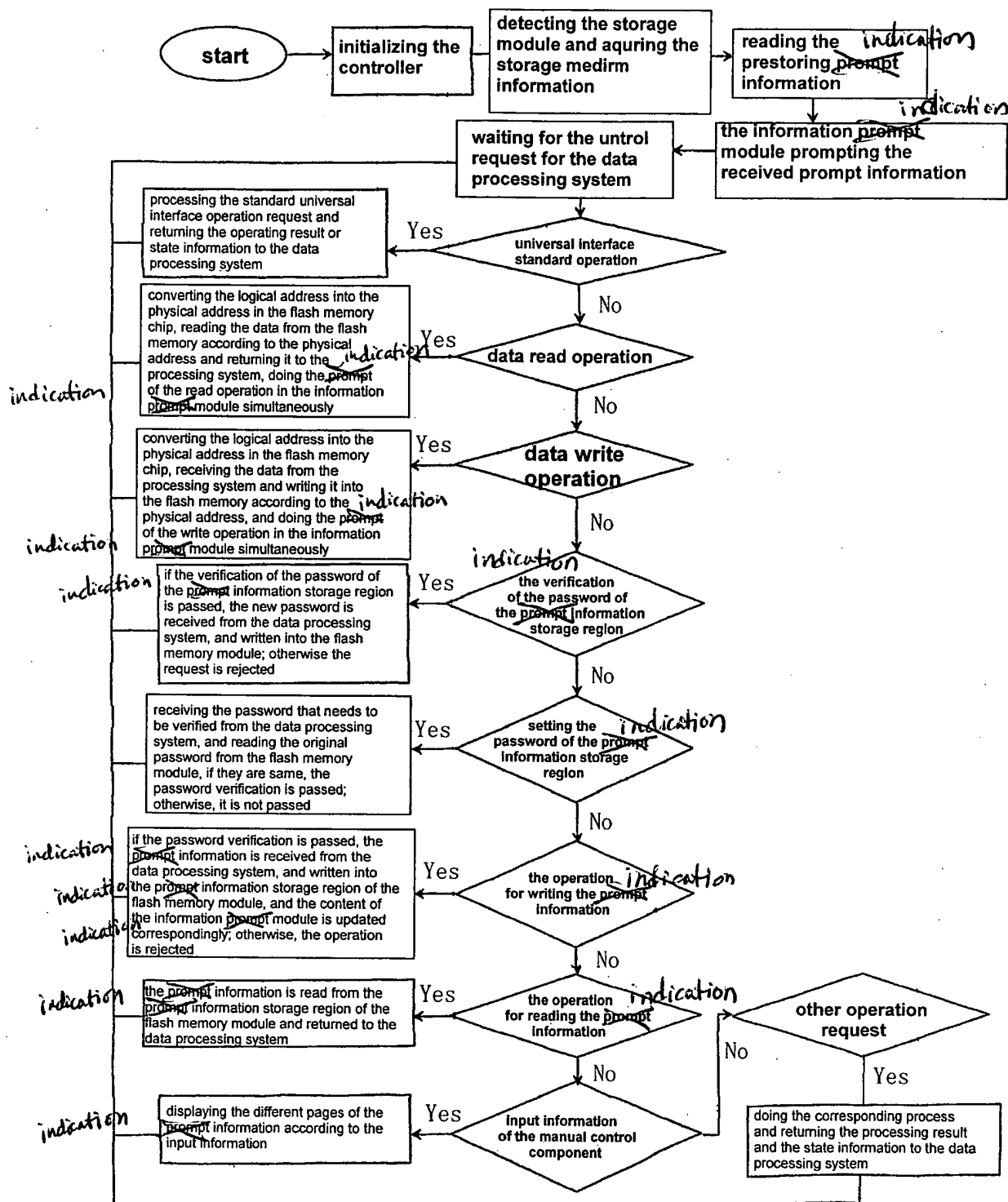


Fig.5-1

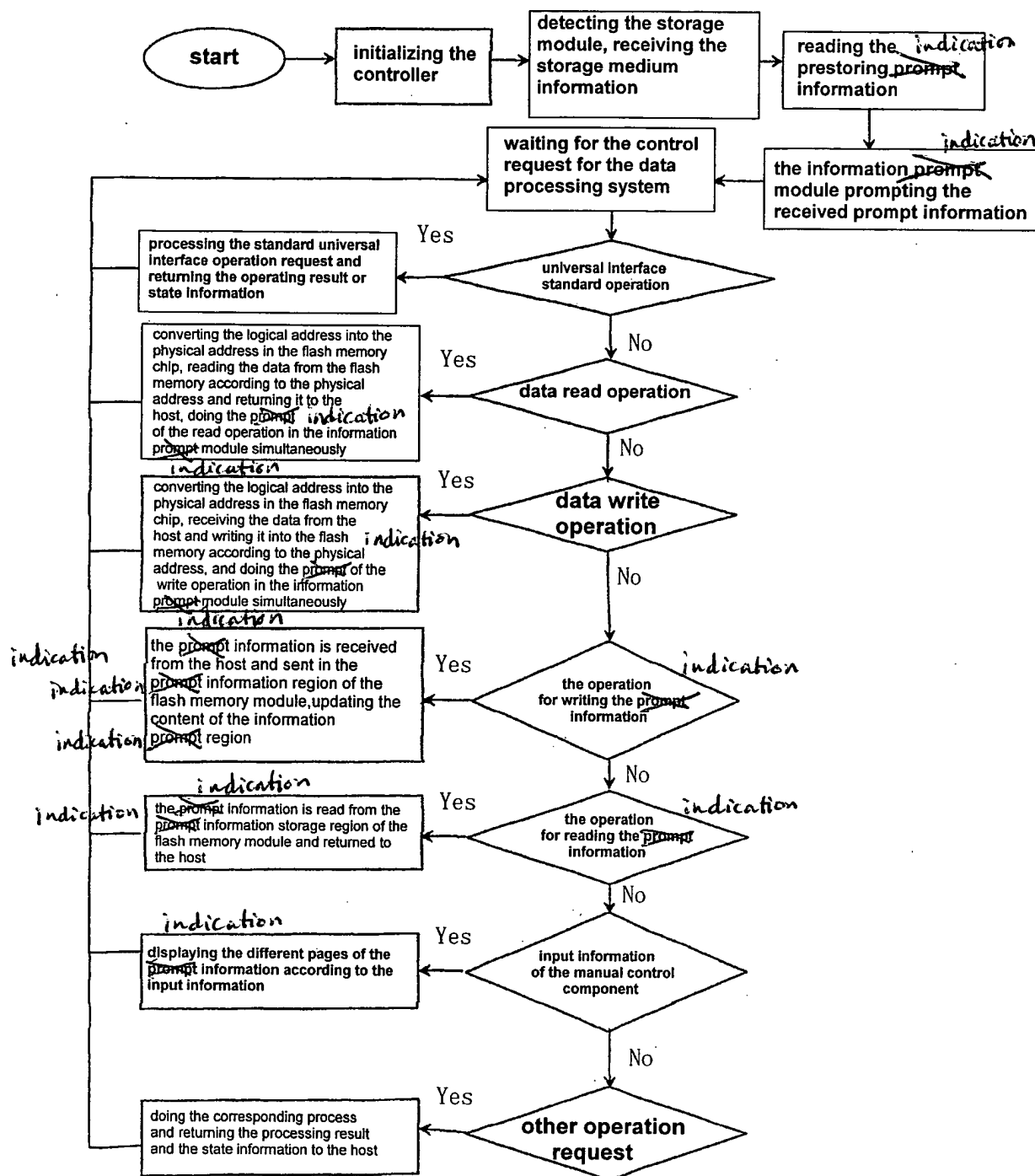


Fig.5-2

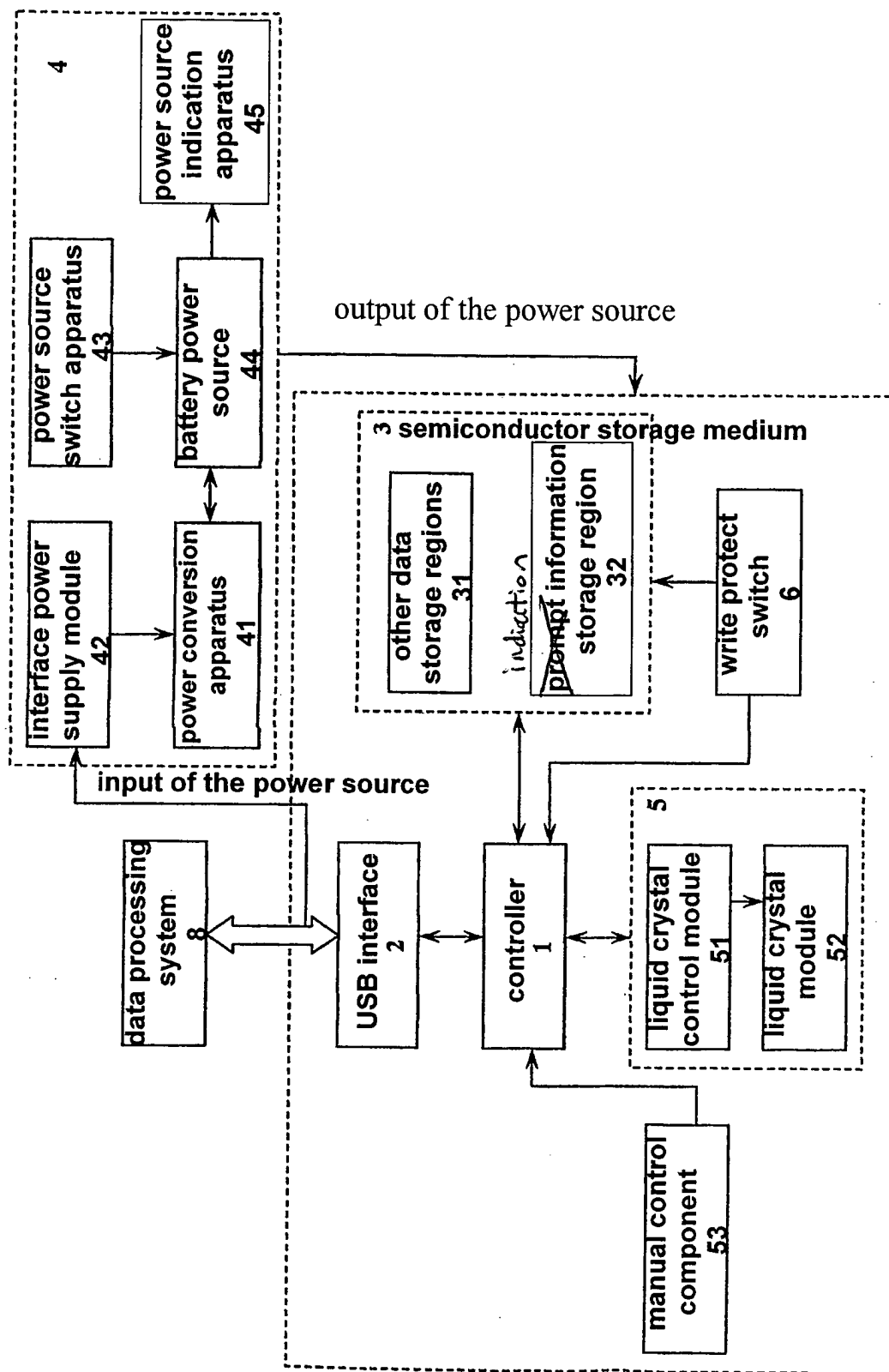


Fig.6